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4**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS****Box Patent Application  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**ENERGY-ABSORBING FLEXIBLE POLYMER VEHICLE WHEEL**

and invented by:

**Bradley W. Thiessen and Thomas A. Darnell****If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed are:

**Application Elements**

1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 24 pages and including the following:
  - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
  - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
  - f. ☒ Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
  - h. ☒ Detailed Description
  - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure

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3. ☒ Drawing(s) *(when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)*

a. ☐ Formal      b. ☐ Informal      Number of Sheets 7

4. ☐ Oath or Declaration

a. ☐ Newly executed *(original or copy)*      ☐ Unexecuted

b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) *(for continuation/divisional application only)*

c. ☐ With Power of Attorney      ☐ Without Power of Attorney

d. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference *(usable if Box 4b is checked)*

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Computer Program in Microfiche

7. ☐ Genetic Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all must be included)*

a. ☐ Paper Copy

b. ☐ Computer Readable Copy

c. ☐ Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers *(cover sheet & documents)*

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement *(when there is an assignee)*

10. ☐ English Translation Document *(if applicable)*

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449      ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard

14. ☒ Certificate of Mailing

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15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
16. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: Applicants are small entity
17. ☐ Additional Enclosures *(please identify below)*:

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

8. ☐ Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

**Warning**

***An applicant who makes a request not to publish, but who subsequently files in a foreign country or under a multilateral international agreement specified in 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), must notify the Director of such filing not later than 45 days after the date of the filing of such foreign or international application. A failure of the applicant to provide such notice within the prescribed period shall result in the application being regarded as abandoned, unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director that the delay in submitting the notice was unintentional.***

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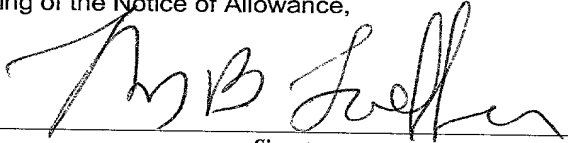
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**CLAIMS AS FILED**

For	#Filed	#Allowed	#Extra	Rate	Fee
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Indep. Claims	7	- 3 =	4	x \$42.00	\$168.00
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BASIC FEE					\$370.00
OTHER FEE (specify purpose)					\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$781.00

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$781.00** to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. **19-0522** as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Dated: **October 29, 2001**

  
Signature

By: **Thomas B. Luebbering**

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10**

Enclosed for filing is the application for United States Letters Patent of  
BRADLEY W. THIESSEN and THOMAS A. DARNELL, Attorney Docket No. 32166,  
entitled ENERGY-ABSORBING FLEXIBLE POLYMER VEHICLE WHEEL, including:  
**Utility Patent Application Transmittal (Small Entity), Specification, Claims,  
Abstract, 7 sheets drawings, \$781.00 filing fee, and return card.**

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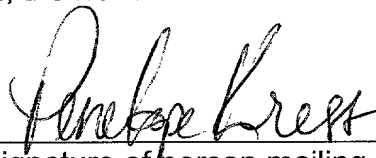
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Date of Deposit

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